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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English abstract of Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 11-115896 is attached and discussed at page 1 of the specification.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the

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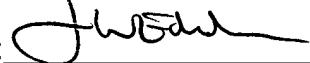
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Respectfully submitted,

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	11-115896	04/27/99	JAPAN			ABSTRACT

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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